



Agenda Item #: 9

Project Title: 1849 Wright Street - Exterior Renovations to an existing Public Building, Madison College North Building, Truax Campus. 12th Ald. Dist.

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Members Present: Cliff Goodhart, Chair; Jessica Klehr, Shane Bernau, Christian Harper, Rafeeq Asad, Russell Knudson, Marsha Rummel, and Wendy Von Below

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Summary

At its meeting of July 26, 2023, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for exterior renovations to an existing building on the Madison College Truax Campus. Registered and speaking in support was Drew Martin. Registered in support and available to answer questions was Fred Brechlin.

The long term plan is to improve all of the parking as part of future phases. Approximately 1/3 of the building will be reclad, adding faculty offices, break area and classrooms. They will utilize existing openings for glazing. They are using the Madison College signature limestone, brick and metal panel, and adding a new entry sequence.

The Commission had the following questions for staff and the development team:

- Did they move the construction program solely to Truax?
 - Yes.
- What's the story on that exterior staircase? You don't normally see an exposed two-story staircase like that.
 - This is existing, until future phases of the building remedy the existing exiting issues, that staircase does need to remain. The base scope of work starts at this corner and goes north. We have shown extending façade materials to the corner that would be contingent on the budget.
- What happens in the workshop that they have these large loading bays?
 - They build tiny homes and sheds as part of their construction program. The largest door allows tiny homes to be pulled into that workshop.
- Is that all transparent glazing on the roll up doors?
 - Yes.
- Is there any opportunity for skylights as a better method for natural lighting in the space instead of the doors?
 - We're not currently anticipating any roofing work as part of our scope. It would be a consideration when it comes time to replace the roof on this building.

The Commission discussed the following:

- I think the limestone pier at the entrance is a little overstated for what this building is and could be reduced quite a bit while still being effective and holding the MATC brand.
- I share your concern about the large pier, have you studied other options to be able to brand that part of the building? I appreciate you looking at reuse of current window openings, but it leaves you with mismatched window proportions. Consider looking at something that would provide more uniformity across the façade with your window openings.

Action

Since this was an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** no formal action was taken by the Commission.